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Capital Murder charges and arrests

Case: 08-0570137

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008

Time: 2:01 a.m.

Location: 1500 block of East Sixth Street

Narrative:

At 2:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, Central East Area Command patrol officers responded to a call about a man suffering from a gunshot wound.

A witness called 9-1-1 to report a man lying on the sidewalk in the 1500 block of East Sixth Street. The victim was transported to The University Medical Center at Brackenridge where about an hour later he was pronounced deceased as a result of his injuries.

While the Austin Police Department was investigating the initial crime scene and expanding their search, it was discovered that the Big Chief bar located in the same block had an unlocked door. A search in that business revealed a second victim had been shot multiple times and was deceased. The Austin Police Department Homicide Detectives believe the shootings are related. The deceased were later identified as:

David Tavera, Hispanic male, (D. O. B. 12-29-1960), and
Jose Ismael Contreras, Hispanic male, (D. O. B. 03-20-1941).

With the public's assistance detectives have charged and arrested two suspects for Capital Murder:



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Delia Marie Garcia, Hispanic female, (D. O. B. 05-03-1970), \$750,000 bond, and Darrel Walker, Black male, (D. O. B. 07-17-1987), \$1 Million bond.

A third suspect, Melvin Cardiel Avina, Hispanic male, D. O. B. (08-10-1975), has a warrant for his arrest for Capital Murder. He is considered extremely dangerous.

APD Homicide Cold Case Unit Detectives are continuing their investigation. Please contact the Homicide tip line at 477-3588 or CrimeStoppers at 472-8477 or 1-800-893-8477.